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REPORT OF SCHOOL BOARD.

Many of the duties devolving upon school boards are of a routine nature; others are of a character where, if the best results are sought, sound judgement must be exercised, clear perception manifested, and a proper understanding of conditions entertained; as each board interprets and executes, so progresses the school work. Mistakes will be made; as successive boards note these and strive to correct them, the standard of education will be elevated. No backward steps should be taken. No board fulfils its obligations unless it endeavors to improve upon the work of the past. Every ex-member of school boards should feel that once a member always a member, and give interested attention to school affairs.

It was our purpose to secure teachers whom we would wish to retain throughout the year; in this we were successful, though for personal reasons two left us at the close of the fall term; their places were well filled, however, and we are pleased to be able to report an excellent school year marked by faithful, studious work on the part of pupils, and thorough, painstaking instruction by teachers.

Attendance has been good, absence and tardiness have materially decreased. To show you what interest in school attendance means, note the record of the Wright children, living one and one half miles from school; for 30 weeks Minnie has had 1 absence, 3 tardinesses; Carrie, no absence except for sickness, 2 tardinesses; Charlie, 7 days absence; Georgie, less than 5 years of age. 3 days absence in 21 weeks attendance. If all our children showed such "grit" in getting to school what a roll we could furnish.

In the matter of school attendance it is a fact attested by school boards, that in most instances the parents of those pupils whose attendance is most irregular are the ones who express the greatest dissatisfaction with school management.

It is also to be noted that many parents are unable to rid themselves of the idea that our public schools are *not* reformatories sustained for the correction of their children. Some

parents, we have them, are so forgetful or ignorant of what constitutes right, that they even sustain their children in their opposition to the teacher's authority.

The pupil who by misbehavior takes the attention of school and teacher thereby *robs* himself and the school of so much valuable time, beside having placed himself in defiance of law and order. The time is approaching when right conduct will be as much an element determining a pupil's stay in our public schools as it now is in our higher institutions of learning. The well being of the majority must not be injured by the obstinacy of the few. It is a duty of school boards to see that these unruly ones are placed upon their honor in the matter, the parent made responsible for their conduct, or they should be deprived of school privileges.

There have been 5 schools averaging 31 weeks; the spring term in No. 4 is included in this report though it virtually belonged to last year. As we arranged the terms beginning near the middle of April and closing about January 15th, we avoided the inclement weather, usually our portion. Owing to circumstances beyond control, the terms in Nos. 4 and 7 were somewhat disarranged; each of the schools, however, had the full 30 weeks.

It was the unanimous opinion of the board that the "interests of education" would be best subserved by discontinuing schools in Nos. 1 and 6, conveying the pupils there to No. 4.

We were requested to do this in No. 6 by the parents of two thirds of the scholars. It may not be amiss to give the section of Statutes bearing upon this subject. Chapter 92, Section 1. "The school board of every district shall provide schools at such places within the district and at such times in each year as will best subserve the interests of education and will give to all scholars of the district as nearly equal advantages as practicable. They may use a portion of the school money not exceeding twenty-five per cent., for the purpose of conveying scholars to and from the schools." To interpret this is the duty of the school board. The greatest good of all our scholars, the special good of those immediately interested was the sole purpose that prompted our action. We have no apology to offer, but that all may know the situation we will say, in No. 1 the enrollment showed eight pupils of school age; in the summer we ascertained by personal in-

quiry that three at least of these would not attend, nor would two others not of school age; for fall and winter terms we were furnished a physician's certificate declaring that two of the pupils were not able to attend school. Personal statements from parents barred two others; another would not attend, so that only three could be reckoned upon; if two, not of school age attended we would have five pupils for a school throughout the year. Would a school be profitable under these conditions? We thought not, especially when for less expense than was incurred last year in sustaining a school here, we could convey the scholars to No. 4, and at the same time give them the advantages to be derived from the superior instruction there furnished, and dispose, in this case, of the complaint that inexperienced teachers are always sent to outside districts. Upon the matter of expense let us throw a little light, since misunderstanding has prompted some very erroneus conclusions.

You must bear in mind that scholars in No. 8, numbering this year three, must be furnished schooling somewhere, preferably at No. 4.

Expense of school in No. 1 last year, 22 weeks,	$ 110 87
Expense of school in No. 8 last year, 2 weeks,	12 00
Paid for conveying scholars from No. 8 to No. 4 last year,	43 75
making a total expense of	$166 62

This year we have paid for conveying scholars from Nos. 1 and 8 to No. 4, $126 60, a saving of $40 02. In No. 6 the expense of the school last year for 24 weeks was $98 40; this year we have paid for bringing scholars to No. 4. $54 50, a saving of $43 90, making a total saving of $83 92 from last year by combining schools.

To have given Nos. 1 and 6 thirty weeks of school in their own houses, and conveyed the scholars from No. 8 to No. 4 would have cost, at least, $375. It was largely through this arrangement that we were enabled to increase the length of our school year by 6 weeks. This must have been a benefit to all who have been in attendance. Have we not then rightly interpreted the statute quoted above, both in letter and spirit, and fulfilled its requirements? Despite the criticisms so freely offered now, we believe sooner or later it will be acknowledged that the step thus taken is in the right direction

and in harmony with a spirit of progress that should be apparent in the conduct of our public schools.

A hindrance to best work in the schoolroom is the lack of classification. To some extent we have corrected this; yet there is room for improvement. To aid school boards and teachers in surmounting this difficulty has been one of the aims of the County School Board Association. After much thought and careful consideration a "Graded Course of Study for Ungraded Schools" has been prepared by our best educators. It is recommended to the favorable consideration of all. It should receive at the hands of school boards its merited recognition, for its adoption will tend to remove, at least, one obstacle met with in some schools,— that of a difference of opinion between teacher and parent respecting a pulpil's proficiency. The number of pages passed over is the parent's standard, when knowledge of what those pages contain is the teacher's. This course accompanied by proper examinations will at all times determine the pupil's rank, and parents will be saved the fancied necessity of removing their children from school because they are "set back" in their studies for their own good, parents not realizing that non-attendance means non-progress.

The text book question is an ever present one under our free system. This year we have completed the exchange of grammars and made the needed change in geographies. In arithmetics we made an exchange chiefly as a matter of economy; one half the larger books in use were so worn that new ones must be procured only to be repeated again the coming year; we could procure the needed number of books by another author for one half the cost of renewing the old series, and did so. Other changes are perhaps needed.

A little matter of scholarship in the grammar school we think is worthy of notice here. In the written spelling work for the year Blanche Friend with 1627 words missed only 2. Maud Weeks with 2075 spelled, missed 6, missing none in the oral work during the last term. "The battle is not always to the strong" for in a "spelling down" the last day Minnie Wright was winner.

ROLL OF PERFECT ATTENDANCE.

For one term.

Bernie Badger, Clifford Lewis, Floyd Badger, Ivan Huntley, Clifton French, Arthur Bartlett, Walter Reed, Mamie Huntley, Elmer Beard, Clarence Booth, Percy Booth, Elmer Duncklee, Robert Howe, Leon Jarrett, Don Pitcher, Fred Sawyer, Georgie Wright, Herbert Beard, Elsie Howe, Goldie Howe, Bessie Knight, Minnie Bixby, Alice Williams, Rachel Robbins, Edith Russell, Aubethe Felch, Iva Gee, Amy Dodge.

For two terms.

Percy Whitehouse, Lester Booth, Charlie Wright, Leon Farley, Guy Huntley, Eugene Flagg, Harrison Flagg, Lester French, Elmon Felch, Clifford Felch, Robert Champney, Blanche Friend, Mabel Flagg, Jessie Weeks, Minnie Wright, Carrie Wright, Grace French, Iva Huntley, Modena Booth, Bessie Young, Ethel Dupies, Marion Dupies.

For three terms.

Norman Jarrett, Ernest Rhoades, Myrtie Huntley, Edith French, *Karl Huntley, *Maud Weeks, Winifred Towne.

* One tardiness each.

STATISTICAL TABLE.

School.	Terms.	Name of Teacher.	No. of weeks.	No. of scholars.	Non-membership absences, days.*	Other absences, days.	Per cent. daily attendance.	No. tardinesses.	Wages per month including board.	Visits by Board.	Other visitors.	Reading.	Spelling.	Writing.	Arithmetic.	Geography.	Grammar.	History.	Hygiene.	Algebra.	Philosophy.	Book keeping.	Astronomy.	Composition.
No. 3.	Summer.	Luella E. Farnsworth	11	11	19	50	.9139	2	$20	3	20	11	11	11	7	6	2		1					
" "	Fall.	" " "	12	12		119	.8333	9	21	3	14	12	12	12	8	8	4		8					
" "	Winter.	" " "	7	8	2	26	.875	8	21	2	12	8	8	8	8	5	2							
" 4.	Spring. Gr.	Joseph D. Danforth.	5	12	40	7	1.00	7	40	2	9	9	11	12	12		12			5			3	
" "	Summer "	Luetta M. King.	9	22	75	50	.95	6	32	1	31	22	22	22	22	21	20			3				
" "	Fall. "	" " "	8	24	35	33	.9565	1	34	1	4	24	24	24	24	19	21		24	8	9			13
" "	Winter. "	" " "	13	23	111	78	.9523	†41	34	2	15	23	23	23	23	21	9		15	6	7	3		13
" "	Summer Pr.	Anna Otterson.	9	27	135	57	.9513	0	30	3	26	27	27	27	22	15	15		25					
" "	Fall. "	" "	12	25	10	84	.92	0	32	3	43	25	25	25	20	12	10		23					
" "	Winter. "	" "	9	23	116	105	.90	5	32	3	24	23	23	23	16	10	8							
" 5.	Summer.	Grace A. Honey.	11	7	5	4	1.00	3	20	2	22	7	7	7	6	5	3		7					
" "	Fall.	" " "	12	8	44	44	.875	8	20	2	26	8	8	8	7	5	3		7					
" "	Winter.	Fannie V. Loveland.	7	9	21	3	.8888	2	23	4	3	9	9	9	9	4	5			2				
" 7.	Summer.	Addie C. Currier.	10	21	15	13	.9523	0	28	2	20	21	21	21	21	9	4	2	2					
" "	Fall.	" " "	12	28	77	54	.9629	3	28	4	15	28	28	28	28	15	4	7	20		1	7		
" "	Winter.	Merton A. Farnsworth.	8	19	189	68	.9285	10	28	4	7	19	19	19	18	10	5				1			
		Total,	155		894	795	.9292	105		42	291													

*Absences at commencement or end of term. †29 tardinesses charged to three pupils.

Number of scholars enrolled between 5 and 16 years, boys, 58; girls, 48; total, 106.

Number of different scholars attending school, 108.

FINANCIAL REPORT OF SCHOOL BOARD.

MARLOW TOWN SCHOOL DISTRICT, 1896-7.

Total receipts,		$1459 79
" expenditures,	$1429 10	
Balance,	30 69	
		$1459 79

SUMMARY.

SCHOOL MONEY ACCOUNT.

Receipts.		$1403 35
A. School money.		
Expenditures.		
1. Salaries,	$1063 50	
2. Cleaning,	6 00	
3. Care,	20 80	
4. Conveyance,	189 10	
5. Supplies,	85 56	
6. Incidentals,	7 70	
	$1372 66	
Balance,	30 69	
		$1403 35

SUPPLY ACCOUNT, (TOWN).

Receipts,		
B. From town order,		$55 36
Expenditures.		
7. For books,	$55 36	

REPAIR ACCOUNT.

Receipts.		
C. Balance from 1895-6,		$1 08
Expenditures.		
8. Repairs.	$1 08	

ITEMIZED STATEMENT.

RECEIPTS.

A. Balance of school money 1895-6,	$ 125 57
School tax,	1,010 00
Interest on school fund,	60 50
" " legacy, Asa Way,	26 85
Literary fund,	102 48
Balance dog license,	61 63
Tuition, H. D. Upton,	2 80
" H. G. Perham,	1 20
" Charles Winch,	7 60
" C. H. Williams,	4 20
" Marion McLeod,	60
Cash for crayons sold,	12
	$1,403 35

EXPENDITURES.

1. SALARIES OF TEACHERS.

Miss L. E. Farnsworth, No. 3, 30 weeks,	$ 154 75
Mr. J. D. Danforth, No. 4, Gr. 5 weeks,	50 00
Miss L. M. King, " " " 30 1-5 weeks,	252 10
Miss Anna Otterson, " " Pr. 30 1-5 weeks,	240 00
Miss G. A. Honey, No. 5, 23 weeks,	115 00
Miss F. V. Loveland, No. 5, 7 weeks,	40 25
Miss A. C. Currier, No. 7, 22 1-5 weeks,	155 40
Mr. M. A. Farnsworth, No. 7, 8 weeks,	56 00
	$1,063 50

2. CLEANING ROOMS.

Mrs. A. G. Baker, Nos. 3 and 7,	$2 00
Mrs. W. S. Gray, No. 4,	3 00
Mrs. C. A. Lewis, No. 4,	1 00
	$6 00

3. CARE OF ROOMS.

Miss Farnsworth, No. 3,	$ 3 00
Mr. Danforth, No. 4,	4 50
Miss King, " "	3 60
E. A. Jones, cash paid Carl Fox, No. 4,	30
" " " " " Lester Booth, No. 4,	1 05

Carl Fox, No. 4,	1 60
Lester Booth, No. 4,	1 80
Miss Honey, No. 5,	2 30
Fred Robbins, No. 5,	65
Miss Currier, No. 7,	1 20
Mr. Farnsworth, No, 7,	80
	$20 80

4. CONVEYANCE OF SCHOLARS.

W. S. Huntley, Nos. 1 and 8 to No. 4, 9 weeks,	$27 60	
W. M. Davis, Nos. 1 and 8 to No. 4, 21 3-5 "	99 00	
		$126 60
Mrs. C. A. Lewis, No. 5 to No. 4, 8 weeks,		8 00
G. A. Howe, No. 6 to No. 4, *32 weeks,		54 50
		$189 10

*2 extra weeks occasioned by the winter term of grammar school being in session during vacation of primary.

5. SUPPLIES.

G. H. Lowell, 2-3 cord wood, No. 4,	$ 2 00	
Sentinel Co., 100 lbs. paper,	6 00	
H. F. Russell, 1 cord wood, No, 3,	3 00	
" " " kindlings, " "	36	
" " " 3 cords wood, No. 4,	10 44	
W. C. Russell, 1 cord wood, No. 5,	3 00	
W. A. Dodge, 2 cords wood, No. 7,	7 00	
John Bartlett, 1 1-2 cords wood, No. 3,	4 50	
C. F. Nims, 1 1-2 cords wood, No. 4,	4 12	
G. L. Nash, sawing wood,	1 13	
G. H. Lowell, 2 cords wood, No. 4	7 00	
Sentinel Co., 50 lbs. paper,	3 00	
A. M. Davis, 2 dippers,	20	
" " " dust pan,	10	
" " " pail,	35	
" " " broom,	25	
		$52 45

W. H. Spalter, summer account.

1 gross colored crayons,	$ 65
3 doz. spelling blanks,	1 44

1 handy dictionary,		15	
Commission,		22	
7 doz. copy books,		4 20	
Commission,		42	
4 First readers,		80	
Commission,		08	
		$7 96	
By 2 American citizens,	$1 08		
" handy dictionary returned,	15	$1 23	
			$6 73

W. H. Spalter, fall account.

Order book,	$ 75	
1 doz. erasers,	96	
1 " spelling blanks,	42	
1 " First readers,	2 40	
4 " copy books, large,	3 20	
1 " " " small,	55	
1 " " " "	55	
Commission,	71	
4 doz. copy books, small,	2 20	
Commission,	22	
1 algebra,	99	
9 sets book-keeping blanks,	3 60	
Commission,	36	
2 sets book-keeping blanks,	88	
1 doz. copy books, large,	88	
1 " spelling blanks,	42	
1 gross pencils,	60	
	$19 69	
By 3 American citizens sold,	1 62	
		$18 07

Perkins' Bros. summer account.

12 gross crayons,	$ 96	
2 gross pencils,	1 50	
1-2 doz. erasers,	50	
Express,	10	
12 Twice Told Tales,	96	

12 Sketch Books,	$ 96	
7 Evangelines,	37	
Nails,	12	
2 brooms,	50	
2 doz. clothes hooks, No. 7,	40	
		$6 73
Perkins' Bros. fall account.		
10 gross crayons,	60	
1 gross pencils,	65	
2 doz. coat hooks, No. 4 and 7,	40	
3 " screws,	09	
2 " pen holders,	20	
		$1 94
		$85 56

6. INCIDENTALS.

E. A. Jones, cash paid for		
Express on books and paper,	$ 65	
F. B. Farley, ink,	75	
J. Hurd, work, No. 3,	25	
Drawing sheets,	1 00	
Albert Sawyer, work, No. 4,	25	
W. W. Thompson, work, No. 4.	10	
Fred Robbins, work, No. 5,	20	
Mrs. W. S. Gray, work, No. 4,	60	
J. B. Alden, books,	20	
		$4 00
Telephoning for teachers,	$1 30	
D. C. Cook, readers,	55	
F. B. Farley, ink,	50	
Express on paper,	15	
G. C. Friend, plank,	20	
100 copies course of study,	1 00	
		$3 70
		$7 70

7. Werner book Co.		
35 grammars,	$ 5 60	
50 arithmetics,	14 40	
		$20 00

Rand, McNally and Co.		
50 large geographies,	$22 50	
40 small "	9 00	
		$31 50
E. E. Babb and Co.		
8 Avery's Philosophies,	$3 86	
		$ 3 86
		$55 36
8. J. Q. Jones, glass and setting, Nos. 4 and 7,		$ 1 08
There is due for tuition,		
Town of Acworth, Mr. French's children,	$7 20	
Ira Brockway, guardian of Minnie Bixby,	4 20	
		$11 40

Acworth account paid since settlement.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

ELGIN A. JONES,
WALDO H. PERKINS,
JNOAS W. FLETCHER,
School Board of Marlow School District.

SCHOOL TREASURER'S REPORT.

DR.

Balance in treasury from last school year,	$ 126 65	
Received of selectmen, tax 1896,	1,010 00	
Interest on school fund,	60 30	
Interest on legacy of Asa Way,	26 85	
Literary fund,	102 48	
Balance of dog license,	61 63	
Received of town treasurer for supplies,	55 36	
" for crayons sold,	12	
Tuition,	16 40	
		$1,459 79

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Paid by orders school board,	$1,429 10	
Cash in treasury,	30 69	
		$1,459 79

Respectfully submitted,
JOHN Q. JONES,
Treasurer.

Marlow, Feb. 15, 1897.

Having examined the foregoing accounts of the school board and treasurer of Marlow school district, I find them correctly cast and properly vouched.

PERLEY E. FOX,
Auditor.

SELECTMEN'S REPORT.

VALUATION.

Real estate,	$157,516 00
139 polls,	13,900 00
196 horses,	12,326 00
44 oxen,	2,456 00
236 cows,	6,302 00
12 neat stock,	298 00
601 sheep,	1,546 00
120 fowls,	60 00
6 carriages,	380 00
Stock in public funds,	5,600 00
Stock in banks,	30,927 00
" " " out of State,	1,320 00
Money on hand and at interest,	42,831 00
Stock in trade,	7,820 00
Mills and machinery,	3,450 00
	$286,732 00

TAXES ASSESSED.

Town tax,	$1,000 00
School tax,	1,010 00
Highway tax,	715 33
Library tax,	60 60
Fire precinct tax,	96 96
Overlay in assessment,	81 39
	$2,964 28

Rate of taxation, $1 00 on $100.

ABSTRACT.

RECEIPTS.

Cash on hand Feb. 15, 1896,	$ 42 00	
Cash received during the year,	5 509 50	
		$5,551 50

EXPENDITURES.

Paid out during the year,	$5,428 01	
Cash on hand Feb. 15, 1897,	123 49	
		$5 551 50

DEBT.

x.	Assets, Feb. 15, 1897,	$174 53	
y.	Liabilities, Feb. 15, 1897,	$425 10	
	Balance against town,		$250 57

SUMMARY.

RECEIPTS.

	Cash on hand Feb. 15, 1896,	$ 42 00	
a.	Taxes from collectors,	3,531 96	
b.	Maria A. Giffin fund,	500 00	
c.	Received from State Treasurer,	1,053 36	
d.	Dog license,	73 80	
e.	County pauper account,	343 05	
f.	Miscellaneous,	7 33	
			$5,551 50

EXPENDITURES.

1.	Town Officers,	$ 403 43	
2.	County Paupers,	343 05	
3.	Town Paupers,	97 01	
4.	Highways,	712 73	
5.	Watering troughs,	8 00	
6.	Damage by dogs,	25 00	
7.	Support of schools,	1,261 26	
8.	School supplies,	55 36	
9.	State tax,	1,010 00	
10.	County tax,	558 07	
11.	Town Library,	80 60	
12.	Fire Precinct,	96 96	
13.	Maria A. Giffin fund interest,	30 00	
14.	Perambulating Town Lines,	38 00	
15.	Note and interests,	232 00	
16.	Temporary loan,	300 00	
17.	Miscellaneous,	141 10	
18.	Abatements,	35 44	
		$5,428 01	
	Excess of receipts over expenditures,	123 49	
			$5,551 50

x. ASSETS.

Cash on hand,	$123 49	
Taxes 1895, uncollected, A. J. Watkins, collector,	22 14	
Taxes 1896, uncollected, W. A. Dodge, collector,	18 90	
U. Mosher, Wm. Bates' lot in cemetery,	10 00	
		$174 53

y. LIABILITIES.

Literary fund,		$76 30	
Dog license,	$73 80		
Damage by dogs,	25 00		
Balance to school money,		48 80	
Town note, H. F. Russell,		300 00	
			$425 10

TRUST FUNDS.

School fund, money derived from sale of school lots, covered into treasury 1842, interest $60 30 appropriated annually and added to school money,	$1,005 25
Legacy of Asa Way, for the support of schools, covered into treasury 1864, interest $26 85 appropriated annually and added to school money,	447 50
Legacy of Jacob Foster, (see sexton's report.) income of fund to be used in caring for Jacob Foster lot in cemetery,	50 00
Maria A. Giffin fund, received from Mrs. Maria A. Giffin, and covered into town treasury in 1896, interest $30 00, to be expended in keeping in repair, and caring for the Patrick Giffin lot in village cemetery, any excess over repairs and care to be used in the general care of said cemetery, (see sexton's report,)	500 00

ITEMIZED STATEMENT.

RECEIPTS.

a. From collectors,

C. M. Elliott, collector 1893,	$70 14

Interest,	15 04	
		$ 85 18
A. J. Watkins, collector 1894,	$8 13	
Interest,	25	
		8 38
A. J. Watkins, collector 1895,	$475 90	
Interest,	12 00	
		487 90
W. A. Dodge, collector 1896,	$2,945 38	
Interest,	5 12	
		2,950 50
		$3 531 96
b. Mrs. Maria A. Giffin, (see trust funds,)		$500 00
c. State Treasurer,		
Savings bank tax,	$971 06	
Literary fund,	76 30	
Insurance tax,	3 75	
Bounty on hawks,	2 25	
		$1,053 36
d. Dog license.		
J. M. Perkins, town clerk, (see report,)		$73 80
e. County paupers.		
W. H. Perkins, overseer, (see report,)		$343 05
f. Miscellaneous.		
L. D. Tinker, sexton, (see report)	3 00	
P. W. Fox, road agent overpaid,	4 33	
		$7 33

1. EXPENDITURES.

H. F. Russell, selectman,	$55 00
L. D. Tinker, "	45 00
F. W. King, "	40 00
J. M. Perkins, treasurer,	15 00
J. M. Perkins, town clerk,	15 00
W. H. Perkins, overseer,	16 00
A. J. Watkins, collector 1894, part,	4 00
" " " " 1895, part,	9 00
W. A. Dodge, " 1896,	40 00
L. D. Tinker, sexton,	24 18
L. D. Tinker, librarian,	25 00

W. G. Booth, supervisor,		$ 8 00
R. F. Craig, "		8 00
A. J. Watkins, "		8 00
W. S. Huntley, ballot inspector,		1 75
H. E. Honey, " "		1 75
P. E. Fox, " "		1 75
P. E. Fox, auditor,		2 00
E. A. Jones, moderator,		5 00
E. A. Jones, school board,		40 00
W. H. Perkins, " "		15 00
J. W. Fletcher, " "		10 00
J. Q. Jones, school treasurer,		12 00
W. H. Booth, " clerk,		2 00
		$403 43

2. COUNTY PAUPERS.

W. H. Perkins, overseer of poor, (see report),		$343 05

3. TOWN PAUPERS.

W. H. Perkins, overseer of poor, (see report,)		$ 97 01

4. HIGHWAYS.

P. W. Fox, road agent, (see report,)		$712 73

5. WATERING TROUGHS.

Mrs. C. B. Badger,	$3 00	
J. Burnap estate,	2 00	
H. Gee,	3 00	
		$ 8 00

6. DAMAGE BY DOGS.

L. B. Huntley, 4 sheep killed,	$16 00	
D. W. Howe, 2 sheep killed,	7 00	
R. F. Craig, killing two dogs,	2 00	
		$25 00

7. SUPPORT OF SCHOOLS.

J. Q. Jones, school treasurer,		
School tax,	$1,010 00	
Interest on school fund,	60 30	
Interest on legacy of Asa Way,	26 85	
Literary fund,	102 48	
Balance of dog license,	61 63	
		$1,261 26

8. SCHOOL SUPPLIES.

J. Q. Jones, school treasurer,		$ 55 36

9. STATE TAX.

H. F. Russell,		$1,010 00

10. COUNTY TAX.

H. F. Russell,		$558 07

11. TOWN LIBRARY.

E. A. Jones, library tax,	$60 60	
E. A. Jones, catalog money from 1895,	20 00	
		$80 60

12. FIRE PRECINCT.

H. F. Towne, treasurer fire district,		$96 96

13. MARIA A. GIFFIN FUND.

L. D. Tinker, sexton, interest, (see report),		$30 00

14. PERAMBULATING TOWN LINES.

E. A. Jones, surveyor,	$12 00	
H. F. Russell, selectman,	6 00	
L. D. Tinker, "	9 00	
F. W. King, "	11 00	
		$38 00

15. TOWN NOTES.

H. F. Russell, interest, (one year on $500),	$ 25 00	
H. F. Russell, note,	200 00	
Interest on same,	7 00	
		$232 00

16. TEMPORARY LOAN.

Covered into treasury to pay expenses at Feb. '96 settlement.

H. F. Russell,	$100 00	
H. F. Russell,	200 00	
		$300 00

17. MISCELLANEOUS.

Sentinel Co., printing reports,	$31 60	
H. F. Russell, invoice book,	7 00	
F. W. King, board bill,	5 25	
L. B. Huntley, painting guide boards,	14 15	
L. D. Tinker, guide post and setting up,	7 00	
W. G. Booth, check lists,	1 10	
M. Perkins, recording births and deaths,	3 75	
Joseph Taylor, " " " "	75	
I. A. Loveland, " " " "	25	
G. A. Petts, board bill,	4 00	
L. D. Tinker, bounty on hawks,	2 25	

J. Q. Jones, hall rent,	$60 00	
Mrs. L. C. Mitchell, storing road machine,	3 00	
H. F. Russell, collector's book,	1 00	
		$141 10

18. ABATEMENT OF TAXES.

E. D. Huntley, 1893 non payment,	$1 21	
Augusta Thayer, " " "	1 08	
J. J. Champney, " " "	5 84	
E. J. Young, " " "	73	
G. A. Lewis, " " "	68	
E. H. Sargent, " " "	13	
Edgar Scranton, " " "	58	
E. W. Slack, " " "	11	
		$10 36
H. W. Kemp, 1895, non payment,	$4 45	
S. W. Dart, " " "	1 68	
		$6 13
W. G. Booth, 1896, over taxation,	$5 00	
A. S. & G. E. Downing, 1896, over taxation,	4 00	
D. W. Newman, " " "	4 40	
H. W. Kemp, " non payment,	1 05	
H. M. Hall, " " "	1 00	
Henry Vigneau, " " "	1 00	
S. W. Dart, " " "	1 50	
B. F. Tyler, " paid in Keene,	1 00	
		$18 95
		$35 44

Respectfully submitted,

HIRAM F. RUSSELL,
LUCIAN D. TINKER,
FREEMAN W. KING,
Selectmen of Marlow.

REPORT OF
OVERSEER OF POOR.

April term of the Supreme Court.

COUNTY PAUPERS.

Aid rendered Clarinda Gerard,	$24 00	
" " Joseph Dupies,	23 97	
" " Henry Hall,	21 07	
" " Mrs. O. K. Gould,	36 00	
Paid M. Perkins, medicine for Mrs. O. K. Gould,	1 50	$106 54
Dependent soldiers and their families.		
Aid rendered Perley Howard,	$24 00	
" " Charles H. Wilson,	21 33	$45 33
		$151 87
Received from county,		$151 87

October term of the Supreme Court.

Aid rendered Henry Hall,	$ 6 00	
M. Perkins, medicine for Henry Hall,	1 00	
Aid rendered Mrs. C. Gerard,	28 00	
" " Joseph Dupies,	47 94	
Paid M. Perkins medicine for Joseph Dupies,	75	
Aid rendered Mrs. O. K. Gould,	42 00	
Paid M. Perkins, medicine,	1 50	
" " " visit to Miss L. Hubbard,	1 15	
		$128 34
Dependent soldiers and their families.		
Aid rendered Perley Howard,	$29 74	
" " Charles H. Wilson,	33 11	$62 85
		$191 19
Received from County,		$191 19

AID RENDERED TOWN POOR.

Aid to H. W. Kemp, 41 5-7 weeks at $1 25,	$52 15	
G. C. Friend, rent & milk bill for H. W. Kemp,	33 81	
Paid M. Perkins, medicine,	75	$86 71
Paid for lodging and feeding 26 tramps at .30,		7 80
		$94 51

Respectfully submitted,

WALDO H. PERKINS, Overseer of Poor.

REPORT OF
TOWN TREASURER.

The treasurer charges himself as follows:

Duplicate receipts for school fund as receipted for by selectmen in 1842,	$1,005 25
Legacy Asa Way received in 1864,	447 50
Legacy Mrs. Maria A. Giffin rec'd Mar. 17, 1896,	500 00
Outstanding taxes in hands of Charles M. Elliot collector, 1897,	70 14
Outstanding taxes in hands of A. J. Watkins, collector, 1894,	8 13
Outstanding taxes in hands of A. J. Watkins, collector, 1895,	498 04
Cash received of J. M. Perkins, treasurer, 1895.	42 00
" " " W. H. Perkins, county paupers April term,	151 87
Taxes committed to W. A. Dodge for collection. 1896,	2,964 28
Received of town clerk, dog license,	73 80
" from State treasurer, insurance tax,	3 75
" " " " savings bank tax,	971 06
" " " " literary fund,	76 30
Cash received of W. H. Perkins, county Paupers,	191 18
" " " L. D. Tinker, use of hearse out of town,	3 00
Cash received of L. D. Tinker, bounty on hawks,	2 25
Interest on taxes in 1896,	5 12
" " " " 1894,	25
" " " " 1895,	12 00
" " " " 1893,	15 04
Perley W. Fox, highway taxes overdrawn,	4 33
	$7,045 29

The treasurer credits himself as follows:

Duplicate receipts for school fund as receipted for by selectmen in 1842,	$1,005 25
Legacy Asa Way received in 1864,	447 50
Total amount paid town orders,	5,428 01
Outstanding taxes in hands of A. J. Watkins, collector 1895,	22 14
Outstanding taxes in hands of W. A. Dodge, collector 1896,	18 90
Cash on hand Feb. 20, 1897,	123 49
	$7045 29

Dog license account.

	Cr.	Dr.
Received of J. M. Perkins, town clerk,		$73 80
Paid for sheep killed by dogs,	$23 00	
Paid for killing two dogs,	2 00	
		$25 00
Balance due schools,		$48 80

J. M. PERKINS,

Town Treasurer.

REPORT OF
ROAD AGENTS.

Money received on town orders,		$712 74

EXPENDITURES.

April,	$ 9 59	
May,	266 54	
June,	376 08	
July,	83	
August,	2 90	
September,	26 32	
November,	9 51	
December,	10 21	
January, 1897,	5 38	
February, "	1 05	
Overdrawn and returned to treasury,	4 33	
		$712 74

ITEMIZED ACCOUNT.

APRIL.

P. W. Fox, 11 2-3 hours,	$1 75	
" " " 2 horses 6 hours,	75	
Carl C. Fox, 6 "	60	
C. M. Elliott, " "	75	
R. F. Craig, 536 ft. bridge plank,	5 36	
W. C. Russell with team 1 1-2 hours,	38	
		$ 9 59
All labor,	$4 23	
Miscellaneous,	5 36	
Total for April,		$9 59

MAY.

P. W. Fox, 138 hours,	$20 70	
" " " 2 men, 4 horses, 542 "	95 10	
J. V. Herrick, 133 "	16 63	
W. S. Pollard, 90 "	11 25	
Fred Howard, 101 "	12 63	
Henry Howard, " "	12 63	
George Lowell, 20 "	2 50	
R. F. Craig, 1 man, 2 horses, 80 hours,	10 00	
W. Whittemore, logs for culvert,	1 00	
W. M. Davis, 50 hours,	6 25	

W. M. Davis, horses,	50 hours,	$ 6 25	
W. Gassett,	80 "	10 00	
H. L. Honey,	38 "	4 75	
George F. Gee,	" "	4 75	
" " " horses,	30 "	3 75	
Harold Gee,	28 "	3 50	
John Hurd,	" "	3 50	
G. S. Russell,	10 "	1 25	
" " " oxen	" "	1 25	
H. F. Russell,	15 1-2 "	1 94	
A. M. Russell,	" " "	1 94	
J. Bartlett,	5 "	63	
M. Miller,	10 "	1 25	
L. D. Tinker, receipt book,		1 00	
Watkins and Booth, repairing road machine, drills and bars,		4 75	
R. F. Craig, 2408 ft. bridge plank,		24 08	
H. F. Towne, oil, wrench, pick, powder, & fuse,		3 26	
			$266 54
Labor with road machine,		$ 95 10	
All other labor,		137 35	
Miscellaneous,		34 09	
Total for May,			$266 54

June.

P. W. Fox,	230 hours,	$34 50	
" " " 2 men, 2 horses,	88 hours,	11 03	
" " " " " 4 " with road machine,	600 hours,	106 50	
Carl C. Fox,	106 "	10 60	
D. W. Howe, neck yoke for road machine,		1 25	
W. M. Davis with team	20 hours,	5 00	
J. V. Herrick,	199 "	24 88	
H. L. Honey,	107 1-2 "	13 44	
G. F. Gee,	19 "	2 38	
" " " team,	6 1-2 "	82	
" " " team and man,		25	
" " " 7 lbs. spikes,		28	
" " " covering stone,		25	
H. F. Russell and oxen,	10 hours,	2 50	
A. M. Russell,	" "	1 25	

G. S. Russell,	10 hours,	$1 25
S. Hurd,	" "	80
Roy Huntley,	20 "	2 50
L. B. Huntley,	30 "	3 75
" " " oxen,	20 "	2 50
" " " gravel,		1 00
W. Badger,	20 hours,	2 50
O. C. Huntley,	10 "	1 25
" " " horses	10 "	1 25
A. E. Rogers,	40 "	5 00
J. W. Fletcher,	30 "	3 75
" " " oxen	20 "	2 50
E. L. French,	10 "	1 25
Elmer French,	30 "	3 75
L. H. Lewis,	20 "	2 50
" " " horses,	20 "	2 50
M. J. Huntley,	22 "	2 75
" " " horses,	2 "	25
C. Winham,	10 "	1 25
W. French,	10 "	1 25
B. French,	10 "	75
W. Gassett,	80 "	10 00
G. H. Lowell,	89 "	11 13
R. F. Craig, 1 man, 2 horses,	59 hours,	14 75
J. M. Bartlett,	20 hours,	2 50
J. Hurd,	2 "	25
A. French,	20 "	2 00
W. S. Pollard,	60 "	7 50
W. D. Friend,	4 "	50
C. M. Elliott,	40 "	5 00
" " " horses,	40 "	5 00
A. Whittemore,	5 "	63
F. W. King,	13 1-2 "	1 69
L. Weeks,	8 1-2 "	85
G. H. Howard,	10 "	1 25
B. Howard,	15 "	1 88
W. O. Dunklee,	30 "	3 75
M. Washburn,	12 "	1 51
" " horses,	10 "	1 25
J. Jackson,	30 "	3 75
Clifford Elliott,	35 "	4 37

Clifford Elliott,	horses, 30 hours,	3 75	
B. F. Knight	9 "	1 13	
W. E. Gee,	1 man, 10 "	1 25	
" " "	1916 ft. plank,	20 12	
Perkins Bros.	powder and nails,	99	
A. Downing,	logs for sluice,	2 13	
" "	powder and fuse,	57	
H. F. Towne,	oil, powder and fuse,	1 35	
Watkins and Booth,	repairs on road machine, drills and bars,	6 00	
			$376 08
Labor with road machine,		$106 50	
All other labor,		235 64	
Miscellaneous,		33 94	
Total for June,			$376 08
	July.		
P. W. Fox,	3 hours,	$ 45	
" " "	horses, " "	38	
Total for July,			$ 83
	August.		
P. W. Fox,	6 hours,	$ 90	
G. D. Morrison,	putting in sluice,	2 00	
Total for August,			$2 90
	September.		
P. W. Fox,	35 hours,	$5 25	
" " "	horses, " "	4 38	
A. E. Flagg with team,	28 "	7 00	
G. D. Morrison,	1 man, 10 "	1 25	
H. Weeks,	57 1-2 "	7 19	
H. Howard,	10 "	1 25	
Total for September,			$26 32
	November.		
P. W. Fox,	6 hours,	90	
" " "	horses, " "	75	
Carl C. Fox,	4 "	40	
H. L. Honey,	7 "	88	
" " "	horse,	25	

H. D. Dunn,	3 hours,	$ 38	
P. W. Fox,	26 ft. drain pipe,	5 65	
E. A. Jones,	1 stone,	30	
			$ 9 51
All labor,		$3 56	
Miscellaneous,		5 95	
Total for November,			$9 51
	December.		
W. C. Russell,	5 hours,	$ 62	
" " "	959 ft. bridge plank,	9 59	
			$10 21
All labor,		$ 62	
Miscellaneous,		9 59	
Total for December,			$10 21
	January, 1897.		
P. W. Fox,	7 1-2 hours,	$1 10	
J. Jackson,	15 "	1 88	
E. Baine,	20 "	2 40	
Total for January,			$5 38
	February.		
P. W. Fox,	7 hours,		$1 05
Total for February,			$1 05

P. W. FOX,
Road Agent.

SEXTON'S REPORT.

Mar.	11	For burying Elbridge B. Gee,	$4 50	
June	3.	" " Elisha Buss,	4 50	
"	19.	" " Almira A. Knight,	4 50	
Aug.	14.	" " Annie E. Buck,	4 50	
Oct.	23.	" " Mehitable A. King,	4 50	
July	1.	Paid for cutting grass in west yard,	2 50	
Oct.	4.	" " brimstone,	2 18	
				$27 18

The Jacob Foster legacy deposited in Keene Five Cent Savings Bank in care of sexton. The interest is due from July 1, 1894.

Account with Maria A. Giffin fund.

By interest received from selectmen,		$30 00
Paid G. S. Phelps, work on Giffin lot,	$ 75	
Personal work,	2 25	
Balance,	27 00	
		$30 00

Paid for fixing road and other work,	$15 00
Cutting grass in village cemetery,	9 00
Righting head stones,	1 00
Paid for brimstone,	2 00
	$27 00

Mar.	4.	Rec'd for use of hearse to Stoddard,	$1 00
Oct.	21.	Rec'd for use of hearse to Washington,	1 00
Feb.	4.	Rec'd for use of hearse to Keene,	1 00
			$3 00

LUCIAN D. TINKER,
Sexton.

REPORT OF TRUSTEES OF TOWN LIBRARY.

At the time of our last report the library was being rearranged and a new catalog prepared. The new method of shelving the books we think has proved satisfactory. Some undesirable books were rejected so that the number upon the catalog is 955, most of them being in reasonably good condition. We find 2300 books have been taken out.

Inasmuch as the library was closed for about two months this number shows no shrinkage in books read. 172 names are on the list of patrons, fully one half of those who are privileged to use the library. The largest number taken out by one family was 154.

It is proper that we should acknowledge the gift, by the W. C. T. U., of three very desirable books, numbers 489, 490, and 491; also from Mrs. E. B. Gee of three years of Harper's Young People.

P. E. FOX,
E. A. JONES,
For the Trustees.

TRUSTEES.

P. E. FOX,	term expires		1897.
H. F. HERRICK,	"	"	"
E. G. HUNTLEY,	"	"	1898.
G. F. GEE,	"	"	"
A. M. RUSSELL,	"	"	1899.
E. A. JONES,	"	"	"

FINANCIAL REPORT OF LIBRARY.

Dr.

1896.	Feb. 15.	To balance,	$ 2 64
	Apr. 18.	" library tax,	60 60
	Aug. 23.	" catalog money,	20 00
1897.	Feb. 15.	" cash for rent of books,	75
	" "	" " from fines,	4 15
			$88 14

Cr.

1896.	Mar. 14.	By freight on books,	$ 50
	" 17.	" book paper, (covering,)	2 50
	" "	" express on books,	65
		" rubber letters,	36
	Mar. 25.	" labels and figures,	1 25
	Apr. 18.	" DeWolf and Fiske, books,	33 46
	" 20.	" Sentinel Co., catalogs,	20 00
	Sept. 2.	" Tilden, binding,	17 60
		" express on books and catalogs,	75
1897.	Feb. 15.	" balance,	11 07
			$88 14

I have carefully examined the financial reports of the Selectmen, Treasurer, Overseer of Poor, Trustees of Library, Sexton, and Road Agent, and find them correctly cast and properly vouched.

PERLEY E. FOX,
Auditor.

Vital Statistics.

Births, Marriages and Deaths, registered in the town of Marlow, N. H., for the year ending Dec. 31, 1896.

James M. Perkins, Town Clerk.

BIRTHS.

Date of Birth.	Name of Child.	Sex	Color	Living or Stillborn.	No. of Child	Residence of parents.	Name of Father.	Maiden Name of Mother.	Birthplace of Father.	Birthplace of Mother.	Occupation of Father.	Age of Faher	Age of Mother
Jan. 22		m	w	Living	6	Marlow	Edwin N. Jarrett	Hentietta Bessell	England	Wales	Clergyman	35	35
Feb. 1	James F.	m	w	"	2	Marlow	James M. Perkins	Gertrude M. Friend	Marlow	Reading, Mass	Merchant	42	22
Mar. 27		m	w	"	3	Marlow	George H. Lowell	Mary A. Miller	"	Marlow	Laborer	34	22
Mar. 29		f	w	"	1	Winchester	Bernard Smith	Alice Winham		Marlow	Laborer	28	23
May 27		f	w	"	5	Marlow	Clarence A. Lewis	Amy E. Campbell	Marlow	Acworth	Farmer	45	35
June 9		m	w	"	6	Marlow	George A. Howe	Nellie M. Peck	Newport	Windham, Vt		45	35
June 24	Carrie M.	f	w	"	6	Marlow	William G. Booth	Carrie P. Seaman	Unity	Chelsea, Mass	Blacksmith	39	35
July 7		m	w	"	5	Marlow	John J. Champney	Sadie E. Huntley	Claremont	Marlow	Farmer	38	28
Oct 2		f	w	"	6	Marlow	William Russell	Sarah J. Mulgrew	Schroon Lake	Harrisville	Farmer	34	26
Nov. 17	Ethel	f	w	"	1	Marlow	Arthur M. Davis	Lucy M. Howe	Walpole	Marlow	Tinsmith	26	21
Dec. 1	Daisy M.	f	w	"	1	Marlow	Charlie C. Winham	Nora M. Flagg	Marlow	Winchendon	Laborer	24	18
Dec. 17	Lester H.	m	w	"	2	Marlow	Henry J. Powers	Ada Blanchard	Washington	Washington	Farmer	42	28

MARRIAGES.

Place and Date of Marriage	Name and Surname of Groom and Bride	Residence of each at Marriage	Age	Color	Cond.	Occupation	Names of Parents	Occupation	Name of person by whom married.
Marlow Oct. 10.	Frank Kendall	Bellows Falls	36	w	1	Laborer	George Kimball Ellen Fifield	Farmer	E. N. Jarrett, Clergyman
	Alice Forby	Frelighburg	30	w	2		Orman Forby Mary Ryan	Farmer	

DEATHS.

Date of Death.	Name.	Sex.	Color	Cond	Yrs.	Mos.	Days	Place of Birth.	Occupation	Name of Father.	Maiden name of Mother.	Birthplace of Father.	Birthplace of Mother.
Mar. 8	Elbridge B. Gee	m	w	m	73	11	28	Marlow	Miller	Elisha Gee	Judith Brown		Newport
Apr. 16	Mary Royce	f	w	w	91	8	20	Marlow		David Buss	Anna Jones	Fitchburg	Dublin
May 31	Elisha Buss	m	w	m	78	9		Marlow	Farmer	David Buss	Anna Jones	Fitchburg	Dublin
June 16	Almira J. Knight	f	w	m	70		3	Washington		Seth Adams	Comfort Barney	Mason	Washington
Aug. 8	Thomas Winch	m	w	m	82	5	6	Sullivan	Farmer	John Winch	Lucy Gerry	Fitzwilliam	Leominster Mass
Aug. 12	Annie E. Buck	f	w	s	44	2		Reading, Vt.		Jubal B. Buck	Candace E. Jones	Reading, Vt.	Reading, Vt.
Oct. 4	Katie Kennedy	f	w	m	46	1		Mellville, Mass		Peter Mulgrew	Jane Maguire	Ireland	Ireland